Nainpur Division

5430. SHRI MOHAN LAL JHIKRAM Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state.

(a) whether work has been started for the establishment of Nainpur division on South Eastern Railway, and

(b) the progress made so far in this regard along with strength of officials/staff appointed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

[*English*]

Private Contributions Received by Dental Council of India

4531 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Dental Council of India received contributions from private sources and

(b) if so, details thereof including the amount of such contributions received during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D K THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

Promotional Avenues

5432 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any scheme has been worked out by his Ministry to do away with the maximum possible number of non-functional posts which were created to ensure promotional avenues in different services, and

(b) if so details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Posts are created on the basis of functional requirements and organisational needs

(b) Does not arise

Setting up of Environment Centre in Jakarta

5433 SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Press Trust of India have sent any proposal to his Ministry regarding setting up of environment centre in Jakarta,

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the proposal has been approved by his Ministry,

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The objective of the Regional Environmental Communication Centre is to build greater awareness among the governments and the people of the region the need for better protection of environment and implementation of environmentally sound and sustainable policies, through their daily environmental news service, to be circulated over the Asia-Pacific news net work

(c) Yes, Sir The proposal has been cleared by the Ministry of Environment & Forests

(d) Communication giving clearance was sent to the General Manager, PTI on 13th January, 1992

(e) Question does not arise

National Testing services

5434 SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up national testing services to hold tests for enrolment of students in colleges and universities,

(b) if so, the details thereof and the main features thereof,

(c) whether such agency would determine the eligibility of candidates for jobs delinking it from degree or diploma, and

(d) the details of allocation of duties to be entrusted with financial implications?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (d) The National Policy on Education — 1986 envisages that a beginning will be made in delinking degrees from jobs in those selected areas where a university degree need not be a necessary qualification. It also envisages establishment of a National Testing Service, in appropriate phases, to conduct tests on a voluntary basis to determine the suitability of candidates for specified jobs

In pursuance of this, Government has recently registered the National Evaluation Organisation (NEO) as an autonomous body with the following main objects –

— To conduct tests for certifying the suitability of candidates irrespective of their formal qualifications for specified jobs

— To develop methodologies and techniques for testing knowledge, proficiency abilities, skills, competence and aptitute necessary for the performance of specified jobs

— To assist existing institutions and agencies which are conducting different tests by holding preliminary screening or similar other tests on their behalf, for the purpose of admissions to courses of higher studies, faculty recruitment, recruitment of scientists, specialists, etc

To function as a well-equipped resources centre at the national level in test development

A provision of Rs 25 lakhs has been proposed for the Organisation in the 1992 93 Budget

Maintenance of Qutab Minar

5435 SHRI JANGBIR SINGH
SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether the Qutab Minar is in danger